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TEXT OF CANADIAN PUBLIC STATEMENT ON CYPRUS DELIVERED TO
DEPARTMENT JULY 20 FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
THE HONOURABLE MITCHELL SHARP

CYPRUS - CURRENT SITUATION

ON BEHALF OF CANADA, WHICH IS A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE
UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN CYPRUS, I WISH TO REITERATE
OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS RESULTING
FROM THE COUP D'ETAT LED BY THE GREEK OFFICERS OF THE
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NATIONAL GUARD. MY CONCERN IS DEEPENED BY THE FURTHER

DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE AREA FOLLOWING
MILITARY INTERVENTION BY TURKEY.

I INDICATED IN MY STATEMENT OF JULY 18 THAT IF THE
CURRENT CRISIS ON CYPRUS IS TO BE RESOLVED IN A PEACEFUL
MANNER AND IF THE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
AND SOVEREIGNTY OF CYPRUS ARE TO BE MAINTAINED, CLOSE
COOPERATION WILL BE REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM, GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS, WHICH ARE PARTIES

TO THE TREATY OF GUARANTEE WITH CYPRUS.

IN ORDER TO AVOID FURTHER BLOODSHED AND OBTAIN A
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE CRISIS, I AM CONVINCED
THAT THOSE THREE GOVERNMENTS MUST IMMEDIATELY FULFIL
THEIR OBLIGATION TO CONSULT TOGETHER IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY OF GUARANTEE. ACCORDINGLY,
I HAVE TODAY DIRECTED A SPECIFIC AND URGENT APPEAL TO THE
GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO RESPOND TO THE
INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO
CONSULT TOGETHER UNDER THAT TREATY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE
A CESSATION OF THE HOSTILITIES AND TO ACCEPT THEIR
JOINT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEEKING A JUST AND PEACEFUL
SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT CRISIS IN CYPRUS. I HAVE ALSO
APPEALED TO THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS TO AVOID
ANY FURTHER ACTION WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE THE CHANCES
OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

IN ADDITION I HAVE SENT MESSAGES TO OTHER INTEREST-
ED GOVERNMENTS URGING THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT FOR
PEACE AND HAVE SPOKEN PERSONALLY THIS AFTERNOON WITH
BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE EFFORTS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACHIEVE A CEASE-FIRE
ON CYPRUS.

ALL CANADIANS WANT PEACE IN CYPRUS. I AM PARTICULAR-
LY AWARE OF THE SPECIAL CONCERNS OF THOSE CANADIANS
WHO HAVE THEIR ORIGINS IN THAT COUNTRY AND THOSE WHO HAVE
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RELATIVES SERVING WITH THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT IN THE
UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS. I CAN ASSURE THEM THAT
WE ARE SUPPORTING EVERY EFFORT TO STOP THE FIGHTING
AND ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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